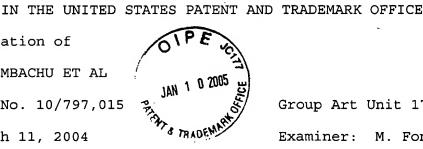
In re Application of

REGINALD A. MBACHU ET AL

U.S. Serial No. 10/797,015

Filed: March 11, 2004



Group Art Unit 1732

Examiner: M. Fontaine

SPECTROSCOPIC MONITORING OF RESIN-APPLICATION PRIOR TO ASSEMBLY OF COMPOSITE WOOD VENEER PRODUCT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment / a response in the aboveidentified application.

No additional fee is required. An additional fee is required as calculated below -

| | Claims | | | | Other Than A |
|-------|-----------------|---------------|---------|--------------|--------------|
| | Remaining | Highest No. | | Small Entity | Small Entity |
| | After | Previously | Present | Addnl. | Addnl. |
| | Amendment | Paid For | Extra | Rate Fee | Rate Fee |
| Total | | Minus * | | x \$ 25 \$ | x\$ 50 \$ |
| Indep | | Minus * | | x \$100 \$ | x\$200 \$ |
| First | Presentation of | Mul Dep Claim | | x \$180 \$ | x\$360 \$ |
| | | _ | | | |

The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number of claims filed originally or highest number found from equivalent box of a prior amendment.

This response is being filed within the period for response.

Applicant(s) hereby petition for an extension from the date of the Examiner's Action as follows:

| | First-Month Extension | | |
|---|------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| X | Second-Month Extension | \$ 225.00 / \$ 450.00 |) |
| | Third-Month Extension | \$ 510.00 / \$1020.00 |) |

Terminal Disclaimer..... \$ 130.00

01/11/2005 NNGUYEN1 00000005 10797015 A Check in the amount of \$ 580.00 is attached hereto. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-3690 of the undersigned attorney. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: January 10, 2005

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